Dear Sir!

Again You have favoured me with a letter and with kind communications of the most valuable Ferns, which have already been sent to Mr. Kirk. I trust You will find that young man worthy these contributions to his monography of that genus.

I have compared the Filices from Japan, You sent, with specimens of Thunberg in our herbarium. Polypodium lineare a specimibus Thunbergianis satis differt: stipite vix fili crassitie subtilissime pulverulo nitescente, fronde triplo breviore in stipitem basi non decurrente, costa multo tenuiore, margine basi non revoluto, venis promiculis. Proxime ad Polypod. lanceolatum L. accedit. I send You a specimen of the original Thunbergian plant.

Pteris pilosa Thbg (Nephrodium nemorale folio J. bv.) nostra sequentes ab Habit diformis, frond. fertil. bipinnatifidis fere semper. I send also a specimen of this.

Trichomanes strigosum Thbg. (= Davallia strigosa Sw.) ask. bot. p. 69. Kunze in Bot. Zeit. 1848. s. 542). Cum spec. Thunberg. sat bene congruit, sed pinnulis etiam latere exteriore magis pilosis. - You will have a pinnula here enclosed.

Trichomanes hirsuta (Dav. hirsuta Sw.) a specimine nostro satis longe recedit.

(Polyped. lacerum Th. was the form here referred to Anderson is confused in some way. R.E.)

On botanizing in very rich on species and specimens from Kirk and his disciples (from Thunberg &c. almost all the species are to be found here, so if You have any thing to desire from them I shall be most happy to procure You all information.

But as our specimen was a very poor one I sent Yours to Fries to be compared with the specimen in Thunbergs own herbarium. Fries writes: This specimen is so much resembling that of Thunberg, that they may very well be identified, although the pinnulæ in the specimen of Thunberg are more acute and more falcate.

As to the fourth (I think it was Polypodium lucens, I have forgot it (Trichomanes hirsutum Th. & not Polyp. lucens — DCE)
and the specimen it yet in Upsala to be determined, as we want it in our herbarium) Fries writes: The other (polypodium dictum, has not any resemblance at all with the species thus named in herb. Thunberg, so I suppose there must be any confusion. But there is (Aspid. hirsutulum)
in the herbarium another Aspidium, whose name is a diminutivum of the former, very much allied the the specimen of Gray, though pinnæ is interjoining apertè dilatatum. I hope Fries will communicate to me the further results of his comparison.

I am very sorry to hear that You have not yet got that little case I sent You; may it not be totaly lost in Marathon!

The VII Class (that of Natural History: members) of the royal Academy of Sciences has lost two of its most distinguished mem bers: Rob Brown & Daves Turner. Yesterday in the meeting of the Academy it was proposed that You and Adolph De Candolle should be elected members in the vacancies, and I hope You will receive the Diploma in due time. You will then consider this election as a debt paid by the Royal Academy not only to Your fame, to your illustrious works, to your contributions to the advancement of the sciences, but also to your kindness and unprecedented liberality to our institutions and to all of us, who have had the happiness to be your correspondents.

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I have newly received from Sir William Hooker a long [redacted] of Salicas, made by Bourgeau during the new expedition in America. There were only few species — all known before — and mostly of them only flowering and male specimens. This year I hope to receive more of them genus from You.

Yes — it is a new year beginning! May You for ever be hoping and healthy! And may You not forget

Your most obliged

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